



c/o United Way of Story County, 315 Clark Avenue, Ames, IA 50010

Story County Board of Supervisors
900 – 6th Street
Nevada, IA 50201

August 24, 2020

Dear Story County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of the Story County Hunger Collaboration **to request \$100 financial support for our collaboration's membership dues in the statewide Iowa Hunger Coalition.** The Iowa Hunger Coalition is a 501c(4) non-profit founded in 2016. As their website explains: "The Iowa Hunger Coalition is an association of organizations and individuals committed to ending hunger in Iowa. Our members come from food pantries, food rescue organizations, food banks, and community partnerships, and individuals committed to ending hunger in Iowa. We use our collective voices to educate and advocate on behalf of Iowans struggling with hunger." (<https://www.iowahungercoalition.org/>) In other words, the IHC does on a state level what the Story County Hunger Collaboration does on a local level – bring a variety of stakeholders together to amplify the call for ending food insecurity.

With no budget of our own, the Story County Hunger Collaboration participants suggested institutional members take turns providing membership dues in IHC. As Story County is a member of the Hunger Collaboration, Supervisor Olson proposed we present you with this inaugural request. The IHC does not have a fixed membership due as they do not want involvement to be cost-prohibitive. They propose organizational members provide \$100 per \$100,000 of organizational budget, while individual members provide \$50 annually. **We would suggest \$100 contribution (to make this feasible for subsequent partners), but would welcome any amount the Board of Supervisors might be willing to provide and deems appropriate.**

If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to call me on my cell (515-357-4085) or send me an email (amundel@uwstory.org). For additional information on the Hunger Collaboration, please see the attached narrative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anneke Mundel, MA, MAT
Community Impact Director at United of Story County
Convener of the Story County Hunger Collaboration



The Story County Hunger Collaboration - which **seeks to eliminate hunger in our county** - has grown since its inception in 2012. Today, it brings together a diverse group of non-profits and other organizations throughout Story County. Among these are representatives from the 22+ county pantries, A-Mid-Iowa-Organizing-Strategy (AMOS), Food Bank of Iowa, Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Iowa State University Extension, Iowa State University Food Insecurity Taskforce / The S.H.O.P., Mary Greeley Medical Center, Primary Health Care Inc., Story County Board of Supervisors, United Way of Story County, and school district personnel from throughout Story County. **The Collaboration is dedicated to identifying the root causes of hunger, addressing immediate food needs with an emphasis on providing quality food, raising awareness, and advocating for solutions to food insecurity.**

Meeting Schedule: We meet on the third Thursday of every month, 3 – 4 pm.

For more information: Please visit our Facebook page (@storycountyhunger) or contact Anneke Mundel, Community Impact Director at United Way of Story County, amundel@uwstory.org OR 515-268-514

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